

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JULY 6

CHILD MOSES SAVED FROM DEATH.

LESSON TEXT—Ex. 1:22 to 2:10.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." Matt. 18:5.

The prosperous favor of the king's court did not last long for the descendants of Jacob, and a Pharaoh arose "who knew not Joseph" (1:8). In chapter 1:7 we see that Israel was (a) "fruitful," (b) "increased in numbers," and (c) "exceeding mighty." This was in fulfillment of God's promised blessing (Gen. 12:2, 3). It excited the envy of the Egyptians, however, and they began to "deal wisely" (v. 10), see I Cor. 1:19, and eventually Pharaoh promulgated his iniquitous decree recorded in Ch. 1:15-21.

Child Unheralded.

1. The Child Born, Ch. 2:1, 2. Pharaoh's cruel scheme seemed well adapted to avoid the supposed danger in that it would cripple Israel, keep them in slavery and effectually prevent them from escaping from Egypt. A babe is born in the home of the rich or the great of earth and we speculate upon the possible ensuing changes in history, whereas at that same time another child is born unheralded in some humble home that God raises up to set aside the schemes of men. Attention has been called to the humble marriage (v. 1) of Amram and Jochebed (ch. 6:20) and the important outcome. No marriage is trivial.

It does not appear that to cast the male children into the river was an edict when Aaron was born. Though humbly born Moses was nobly born and his parents thought more of their duty to God than the edicts of man. Moses was a "godly child" (v. 2, Acts 7:20 R. V. marg. and Heb. 11:23 R. V.). That is, he was without blemish, well pleasing to the eye, "fair to God." His parents must have entertained the hope that he was to be the deliverer of Israel and taught him so to believe, see Acts 7:25.

II. The Child in Danger, vv. 3-6. At three months of age (Acts 7:20) it was no longer possible to hide the child Moses. However, instead of his being cast into the river he is cast upon the river. Jochebed knew of the deliverance of Noah and it is probable that her meditation upon this suggested to her the adopted plan, for she made her ark somewhat after the ark Noah followed, Gen. 6:14. She also knew of the habits of Pharaoh's daughter and planned accordingly. It was a perilous risk to commit her child to the crocodile infested river, but she trusted Jehovah (Heb. 11:23) and God honored her faith, as events demonstrate.

God's Plan.

It seems a trivial incident for this daughter of a king to indulge in a bath and to find this rude pitch covered ark at the river's brink. Yet who can comprehend His ways? She sent one of her servants to investigate. Seeing so many strange faces the child begins to cry; how very ordinary, yet how wonderful when considered as a part of God's plan for the redemption of a race.

III. The Child Delivered, vv. 7-10. From the monuments of Egypt we are able to study Pharaoh and his court. His word was supreme. At this opportune moment under God's direction, the cry of a child is used to set aside Pharaoh's word and to turn the course of history. The tears of the babe found their way into the heart of this princess of the royal house and thus the deliverer came from the system from which he was to set his brethren free. God knew that among those frivolous Egyptian slaves there was none properly fitted to care for His own. So it is that the waiting sister offered to secure a Hebrew woman to care for the child, perhaps according to a pre-arranged plan with her mother. The plan is successful and the very best nurse possible was secured. The only nurse properly fitted and God-endowed for the rearing of a child is its own mother. Perhaps it was Pharaoh's infamous decree that led his daughter to send her new-found treasure away with a Hebrew woman with the promise of wages (v. 9). At any rate, Pharaoh is set at naught in his own household and his edict worked a blessing to Jochebed. It was most certainly during these plastic years that Moses was instructed concerning God, Abraham and Isaac and God's covenant to these fathers of his race, and to look forward for Him who should deliver Israel. See Acts 7:25 and Heb. 11:24-26.

God providentially separated the Israelites from intermarriage with the Egyptians, a fact which saved them from deterioration and effeminacy. The absolute impossibility, humanly speaking, of their deliverance enabled God to end their affliction and deliver to them His promised inheritance. The hour has now arrived for deliverance, all that is needed is a leader and in His own way He is preparing that leader. Moses was neither killed nor enslaved. The venture some faith of Moses' parents in spite of all appearances preserved the life of their babe.

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PRICETOWN.

June 30, 1913.

The farmers are busy cutting wheat. Tom Carey and wife, of Hillsboro, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Jas. Donohoo and wife. Perry Moberly and wife visited Perry Emery and family Sunday.

Charley Cadwallader and wife and daughter, Lucille, and Mozelle Cadwallader spent Sunday with Wesley Fawley and wife.

John Kellum and family spent Sunday with Newt Roebuck and family.

Miss Isma Faris, of Fairview, visited her grandmother Sunday and Robert Faris and wife, of New Market, were her guests Friday.

Alva Gossett and family entertained a number of their relatives and friends with ice cream one evening last week. Those present were John Faris and family and Miss Ann Hopkins, of Hillsboro, Frank Foust and family, John Bennington and family, Hoyt Leisinger, Claude Gossett and Ben Brown.

Mrs. John McConaha visited her daughter, Mrs. Orland Marconet, at Hollowtown, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Faris left this morning to visit her sons, Clifton, and family, at Marion, Ind., and Jesse, and family, at Danville, Ill. Her son, Charley, of Hillsboro, accompanied her.

Mrs. Ida Clark and son, of Winchester, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Moody Pulliam, and family.

Mrs. Addie Foust was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Pulliam, at East Danville, Friday.

John McConaha is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Davis, and family, at Dayton.

Ora Workman and family spent Sunday with her father, B. F. Cochran, near Danville.

Rev. Well will preach at this place next Sunday morning and night.

Boone Hozan and wife, of Afton, spent last week with Frank Gibley and family.

J. C. Landess and wife have returned home, after spending the past month with their son, Ed, and wife, at Middletown, and Will Carroll and wife, at Woodville.

Mrs. Charley Robinson, of Union, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rose Abraham, who has been very poorly, but is better.

P. H. Shaffer and wife and son spent Sunday with J. A. Young and family.

Ora Shaffer and wife spent Sunday evening with her parents, J. C. Landess and wife.

Rufus Barker and family and Raymond Gomla and Jesse Barker and wife, of Middletown, are visiting relatives here.

Grandma Gibley and son, John, and granddaughter, Marie, visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Isaiah Shaffer, near South Liberty, recently.

SHARPSVILLE.

June 30, 1913.

B. F. Lowman and wife and Mrs. May Jones spent Monday with Isaac Jones.

Mrs. Belle Laymon and children spent Monday with James Bird and wife.

Katie Alexander spent Wednesday with Mrs. Annie Lowman.

Mabel Sharp spent the latter part of the week with Dallas Parshall and wife.

Catherine Sharp took dinner with Frank Sharp and wife Friday.

Mrs. Mary Gilliland and sons, Guy and Wendell, spent Sunday with J. W. Burton and wife.

Blanche Laymon spent last week with her grandparents, James Bird and wife.

Nellie Achor and daughter, Inez, spent Saturday evening with William Alexander and wife.

Zeke Rudy and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Lettie Miller.

Howard Reveal and wife spent Sunday with Estel Chaney and wife.

Ruth Bird and daughter, Thelma, spent Sunday with Jas. Bird and wife.

Direct parcel post service between New York and the ports of San Domingo under the treaty taking effect January 1913, began in March. Some parcels were received there by way of Santo Domingo in February.

She—George, dear, here's a scientist who says the earth is wobbling on its axis. What do you suppose they can do about it?

George (absently)—Open up the mufflers, reverse the lever, shut off the power, lubricate the bearings and tighten the wheel cap.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

As a distributing point for all cities and towns in East Scotland, the port Leith has advantages which have gradually built up the import trade to \$75,000,000 a year, but little below that of Glasgow.

This season the planting of Kafir corn in the Mississippi Valley has greatly extended, and is expected to produce an available surplus for export of at least 10,000,000 bushels.

A Game of Bluff

By MILLARD MALTBE

I had tired of living in a bachelor apartment house and rented a flat in the west end of London, in which I proposed to keep house, having a servant to prepare my meals and do the housekeeping for me. I was at my new quarters receiving my furniture, which had nearly all arrived and had been put in place, when a lady stood at the open door.

"Dear me," she said. "I supposed you had got moved out by this time."

"Moved out?"

"Yes; I was told I could have the flat this afternoon."

"Why, my dear lady, I have just moved in."

"Then I shall have to trouble you to just move out again."

"I have a written lease of these premises. Here it is"—taking the document out of my pocket—"fourth floor, east side."

"And I have a written lease"—drawing one from her reticule and opening it—"fourth floor, east side."

The two leases had been made out in the same schoolboy hand.

"There has been a mistake at the office," I said. "We will telephone the agent to know to whom he intended to lease the flat."

"Do so if you like."

I went to the telephone, and the agent told me that, of course, the flat had been rented to me. He could not understand how there could have been two leases issued. I returned to the lady and informed her of the fact.

"I don't care what the agent says. I rented this flat and I'm going to occupy it."

"I have rented it and I am going to occupy it," I rejoined.

I thought I had the advantage of her, and for a moment she looked a bit abashed, but, recovering, she said:

"We will see about that. Since your furniture is here there will not be time to get it out and mine in today, so I shall be obliged to use yours. Tomorrow we will make the change."

"You are quite welcome, I assure you. There are several rooms, and, if you don't mind being my guest without a chaperon, I don't."

"I do mind and shall occupy my flat by myself. You must leave at 10 o'clock."

"As my guest I must give you a dinner, and, my cook not having arrived, I shall be obliged to take you out to a restaurant."

This staggered her, but not for long. "No," she said; "to accept your invitation would be to admit that you are host here. I see that you have the tableware and kitchen utensils. If I had the provisions I could provide a meal myself."

"I ordered all that is necessary for a good dinner, but my cook disappointed me. The articles are here."

"In that case I invite you to dine with me."

She lighted up the range and went to work at once. I did my share by setting the table, not leaving off more than half a bottle of port. My guest (or host, as she would have it) got up a delicious dinner and without any of the fuss and irritation usual to a lady cook. When dinner was ready we took our places at the table opposite each other, and when we were helped I filled our wineglasses and raised mine, saying:

"To your health, dear guest."

"You are welcome to my home, Mr. Impudence."

Notwithstanding the war being waged between us, we enjoyed our dinner immensely. I kept up my assurance and after drinking most of the port made bold to say:

"I am to pay the cook I have engaged £4 a month. I'll give you the place in her stead at £5."

She smiled, but said nothing. Soon after we arose from the table, and I insisted on wiping the dishes while she washed them. She said she didn't mind smoking, so I consumed a cigar while handling the dish towel. When the tableware had been put away we sat and chatted. I am a resolute fellow and was determined not to be driven out. At 10 o'clock the lady said:

"I am sorry to seem uncivil to a guest, but I must ask you to leave. Ten o'clock is my hour for retiring."

"And mine," I replied, and, rising, I went to my bedroom, said "Good night" and closed the door. The key was on the outside, and I heard it turned.

"I am sorry to say to you," the lady called from the other room, "that I am a militant suffragist, and it is my purpose to blow up this house tonight. I have done all I could to save you, and it is not my fault that you go to your death."

Never was the backbone quicker taken out of a man.

"I beg!" I called.

"Too late! You would give me away to the police."

"I promise to keep your secret."

"Swear it!"

I did so. The door was unlocked, and out I went.

I slept at a hotel that night and in the morning looked in the newspapers for an account of the explosion. It was not there, but during the day my furniture went out of the flat, and the lady's went in. I called in the evening, and she laughed at me.

"I'm no suffragette," she said; "I'm an anti."

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Mrs. S. J. Pence visited her son, Cary, and family, of Hoaglands, Monday.

After traveling two months with the Danville chair wagons in the northern part of Ohio and Indiana, Daniel and Corbett Carpenter have returned home to spend the Fourth with their parents.

Mrs. Chas. Trop enjoyed Tuesday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Gro. Culhan, of Russell.

Aunt Mahala McKee and family entertained to dinner Wednesday, Mrs. Tillie Catlin and Martha Purdy, of Danville.

Miss Alice Ballentine, of Hillsboro, spent from Thursday until Saturday at the home of Walter Lemon.

S. R. Robinson spent a part of last week in Cincinnati.

Walter Lemon and family were the guests Sunday of Cary Winkle and wife, of East Danville.

Philip Charles and wife returned home Tuesday, after spending two weeks with Prof. L. W. Warson and family, of Westerville.

General Pence and family, Stella Grebaugh and son, Chas., and Miss May Overman, of Hillsboro, spent Monday with Chas. Trop and wife.

Mrs. Joe Emery, of New Market, visited her daughter, Mrs. Ira Tice, Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Wilson and grandson, of Hillsboro, spent the latter part of last week with Mrs. S. R. Robinson.

Miss Josephine Wilkin spent last week with her brother, James, and family, of Harwood.

Aunt Mahala McKee is some better. Miss Lena Dillon and friend, of Hillsboro, were the guests of her sister, Mrs. Will Charles, Thursday.

Jacob McConaughy and family were the guests of relatives at New Market Sunday.

Herman Wilkin and wife, who have spent the past year working for the Military School at Howe, Ind., returned home Wednesday for their summer vacation.

General Pence and family were the guests of John Fawley and family at Union Chapel Sunday.

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The value of the gold produced in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory during last year was \$5,225,235. This was the largest amount of any year since 1907, when it reached the lowest point.